38. AUTHOR'S EPISODE

SO, HERE'S A STORY
THAT I'VE WANTED TO TELL FOR A

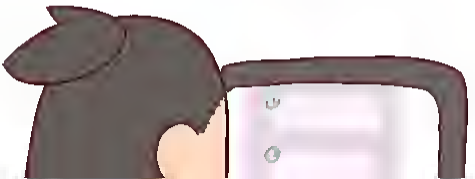
WHILE NOW

BACK IN HIGHSCHOOL,
MY ART TEACHER TOLD ME THERE WAS A COMPANY WHERE YOU SEND CHILDREN'S DRAWINGS AND HAVE THEM CREATE CUSTOM DOLLS REPLICATED FROM THOSE IMAGES.

I THOUGHT THE IDEA WAS PRETTY COOL.

SO AFTER I GRADUATED,
I DECIDED TO TRY IT.
THE JOURNEY TO GET
A SAPHIE DOLL. (YAS)

ON THE WEBSITE,
IT TALKED ABOUT THE DESIGN
HAVING TO GO THROUGH
STAGES/PROCESSES OF
PRODUCTION



SEEMED PROFESSIONAL ENOUGH.

AND THUS,
THE JOURNEY FOR A
SAPHIE DOLL BEGAN.

SO IN ORDER FOR
MY DOLL TO BE PERFECT,

I GAVE THEM PROPORTIONS
OF HEIGHT, LENGTH, AND

WEIDTH OF THE DESIGN.

HEAD TO PAW.

AND YES.

EVEN THE BUTTHOLE.

SO WHEN IT WAS READY,
I UPLOADED IT TO THE COMPANY

PAID 70 DOLLARS

AND WAITED.

A COUPLE WEEKS IN,
I GOT AN E-MAIL THAT BASICALLY SAID
I SHOULDN'T EXPECT AN
EXACT REPLICA OF MY DESIGN.

Hi

We just wanted to let you know that your doll have entered the final quality inspection area

We look over every completed dolls to ensure it captures the essence of your image while also being understanding of the limitations of working with plush (as you know we do not use any plastics or metals in our products for safety reasons). Sometimes we need to send a doll back to the design team for a little fine tuning , which may add a

day or two

Next step we'll wrap up [redacted] and send it flying to your doorstep The next email you receive will include a tracking number

Thank you again for your order and your patience,
[redacted]

UNDERSTANDINGLY,
I DECREASED
MY EXPECTATION OF
THE REPLICATED PLUSH.

AND SO THE WAIT ENSUED...

LONG ENOUGH THAT
I EVENTUALLY FORGOT
ABOUT IT.

Chew
Chew

THEN FINALLY ONE DAY...

I GOT A MESSAGE FROM MY DAD.
WHILE I WAS OUTTA THE HOUSE.

BZZT!

Shft'
Shft'

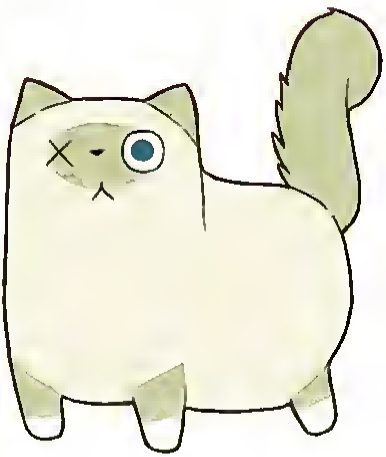
Para He
It's here...

Papa Ho

EXCITED
EXCITED

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

OK, SO HERE'S WHAT I SENT.



HERE'S WHAT I GOT.

I KNEW THERE WOULD BE DIFFERENCES BUT NOT LIKE THIS.

AH-HA

I VIKING-LAUGHED
SO HARD THAT DAY.

!HA-HA HA!

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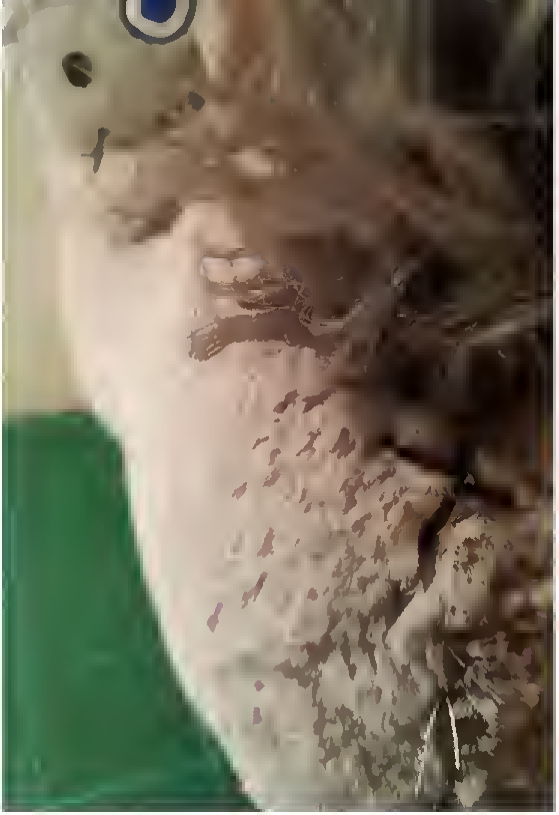
HA
HA!

AND YES



EVEN THE BUTTHOLE.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...

HER FACE SAID IT ALL... —_—:|

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THANKS TO~

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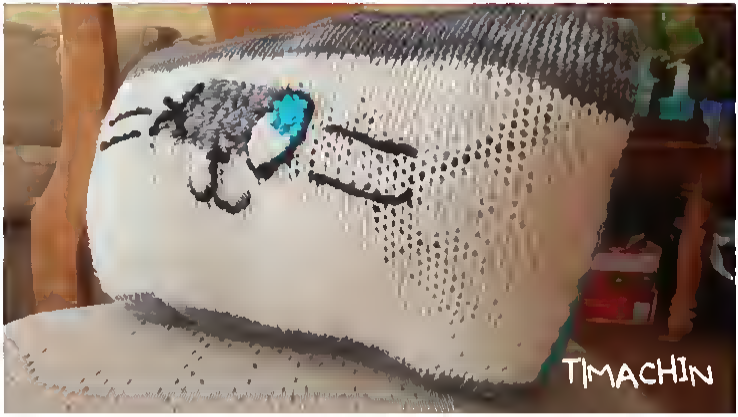
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SERIOUSLY THOUGH.

THANK YOU SO SOOOOO MUCH!!

MROW ~ ♥